

House Resolution 1799

By: Representatives Orrock of the 58th, Benfield of the 85th, Drenner of the 86th, Morgan of the 39th, Gardner of the 57th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mrs. Cherry Waldrep Clements; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cherry Waldrep Clements was born in Monroe County, Georgia, on June
4 12, 1915, and grew up on a farm near Dublin, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, she graduated from Dublin High School at age 16 and earned a Normal
6 Diploma from Georgia State College for Women (now called Georgia College & State
7 University) before beginning a teaching career at a small, rural school in Cabiness, Georgia,
8 at age 18; she later earned a Bachelor of Science in education from Georgia Southern
9 University and was the first woman at the University of Georgia to earn a Master of Science
10 in math education; and

11 WHEREAS, during World War II, she served her country with distinction by decoding
12 enemy messages; and

13 WHEREAS, beginning in 1958, Mrs. Clements taught math at Druid Hills High School in
14 DeKalb County for 27 years, during which time she earned great respect for her inspirational
15 teaching methods and innovation and earned numerous accolades honoring her dedication
16 to her students; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Clements was an active member of North Decatur United Methodist
18 Church and served ten terms as president of the United Methodist Women's organization and
19 as a board member of the North Georgia Church Homeless Council and the Council on Faith
20 and Environment, among many other important contributions to the Methodist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, after she retired, she devoted her time to a variety of progressive causes,
22 including service as a board member of the Druid Hills Civic Association and membership

1 in CAUTION, where she helped to combat plans to develop a freeway through historic
2 Atlanta neighborhoods; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Clements was highly active in Atlanta WAND (Women's Action for New
4 Directions), decrying the dangers of nuclear proliferation and excesses in United States
5 military spending for obsolete weapons systems, while empowering Georgia women to lift
6 their voices in opposition to war; and

7 WHEREAS, she served on the Board of Atlanta Habitat for Humanity and organized meals
8 for 500 volunteers who participated in the seven-day Carter Work Camp in 1998; and

9 WHEREAS, this extraordinary lady was the author of three cookbooks and ran a nonprofit
10 catering business called "Cherry's Jubilee," serving meals for church and volunteer
11 organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Clements is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 58 years, Hal
13 Clements, and is survived by her three children, Judy Clements, Cathy Clements Bradshaw,
14 and Tom Clements, in addition to her grandchildren, Jane and Ward Bradshaw; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia lost a most estimable citizen on January 5, 2006, with the passing of
16 Mrs. Cherry Waldrep Clements.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Mrs.
19 Cherry Waldrep Clements and extend their most sincere condolences to her family and
20 friends.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Cherry
23 Waldrep Clements.